

REMARKS

Upon entry of the forgoing amendments, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 9-13 and 18-21 are currently pending in this application. Claim 13 has been withdrawn as being directed to nonelected subject matter. Claims 3, 6-8, 14-17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer to the subject matter contained therein. Claims 20 and 21 have been added.

With respect to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment, Applicants have amended claims 16 and 17 to be identified as “(Cancelled).”

The amendments do not introduce any new matter within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. §132. Accordingly, entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Based upon the foregoing, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections to and rejections of the claims and allow all pending claims in the application.

If the Examiner has any questions or wishes to discuss this matter, the Examiner is welcomed to contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,

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